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SUBJ: CAB APPROVAL CHARTER FLIGHT RUMANIAN AIRLINES

1. DUE TO AUGUST 14-16 CLOSURE TURKISH AIRSPACE APPROXIMATELY 80 PERSONS, MANY OF WHOM US CITIZENS, STRANDED ISTANBUL BECAUSE TURKISH-AMERICAN MEDITERRANEAN ASSN. (TAM) CHARTER FLIGHT INOPERATIVE. IN ORDER TO ASSIST AMERICAN CITIZENS, SOME OF WHOM WITHOUT FUNDS AND OTHERS STAND TO LOSE JOBS. LOCAL TAM REP. PROPOSES DIRECT FLIGHT FROM ISTANBUL TO NEW YORK BY BOEING 707 AIRCRAFT CHARTERED FROM RUMANIAN AIRLINES (TAROM). THIS WOULD PERMIT COMBINING REGULARLY SCHEDULED CHARTER FLIGHT DEPARTING ISTANBUL WED. AUGUST 21 OF 98 PASSENGERS WITH 80 PASSENGERS NOW STRANDED HERE. TAM ALSO PROPOSES TO PICK UP APPROXIMATELY 100 PERS STRANDED NEW YORK FROM PREVIOUS TAM CHARTER FOR RETURN TO ISTANBUL.

2. ACCORDING TO TAM REP, NORMAL TAM CHARTER IS BY TAROM FROM ISTANBUL TO BRUSSELS AND BY SABENA FROM BRUSSELS TO NEW YORK. HE INDICATES SABENA NOT ABLE ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL 80 PERSONS ON AUGUST 21 FLIGHT. APPARENTLY TAROM WILLING MAKE AVAILABLE BOEING 707 FOR DIRECT FLIGHT TO NEW YORK PROVIDED CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB) WILL APPROVE.

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3. WE BELIEVE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION

BY CAB. WOULD APPRECIATE CAB RESPONSE BY IMMEDIATE
CABLE TO BUCHAREST AND ISTANBUL TOGETHER WITH ANY INFORMATION
CAB MAY NEED FOR SUBMISSION WITH FLIGHT SCHEDULE.

4. FOR BUCHAREST: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING DEPT. REPLY
TO CETIN BIRGEN, PRESIDENT OF ALTUR, WHO IS MAKING
ARRANGEMENTS WITH TAROM. HE CAN BE REACHED AT HOTEL INTER-
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